

CHAPTER XVI

NUISANCES

332. Precautions in case of dangerous structures.—

(1) If any structure be deemed by the commissioner to be in ruinous state or dangerous to passers by or to the occupiers of neighbouring structures, the commissioner may, by notice require the owner or occupier to fence off, take down, secure or repair such structure so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

(2) If immediate action is necessary, the commissioner may himself before giving such notice or before the period of notice expires fence off, take down, secure or repair such structure or fence off a part of any street or take such temporary measures as he thinks fit to prevent danger and the cost of doing so shall be recoverable from the owner or occupier in the manner provided in section 476.

(3) If in the commissioner's opinion the said structure is imminently dangerous to the inmates thereof, the commissioner shall order the immediate evacuation thereof and any person disobeying may be removed by any police officer.

333. Precautions in case of dangerous trees.—(1) If any tree or any branch of a tree or the fruit of any tree be deemed by the commissioner to be likely to fall and thereby to endanger any person or any structure, the commissioner may by notice require the owner of the said tree to secure, lop or cut down the said tree so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

(2) If immediate action is necessary, the commissioner may himself before giving such notice or before the period of notice expires secure, lop or cut down the said tree or remove the fruit thereof or fence off a part of any street or

to take such temporary measures, as he thinks fit to prevent danger, and the cost of so doing shall be recoverable from the owner of the tree in the manner provided in section 476.

334. Precautions in case of dangerous tanks, wells holes, etc.—(1) If any tank, pond, well, hole, stream, dam, bank or other place be deemed by the commissioner to be for want of sufficient repair, protection or enclosure, dangerous to the passers-by or to persons living in the neighbourhood, the commissioner may by notice require the owner to fill in, remove, repair, protect or enclose the same so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

(2) If immediate action is necessary the commissioner may himself, before giving such notice or before the period of notice expires, take such temporary measures as he thinks fit to prevent danger and the cost of doing so shall be recoverable from the owner in the manner provided in section 476.

335. Precaution against fire.—(1) The commissioner may by notice require the owner of any structure, booth or tent, partly or entirely composed of or having any external roof, verandah, pendal, fence, or wall partly or entirely composed of cloth, grass, leaves, mats or other inflammable materials to remove or alter such structure, booth, tent, roof, verandah, pendal, fence or wall, or may grant him permission to retain the same on such conditions as the commissioner may think necessary to prevent danger from fire.

(2) The commissioner may by notice require any person using any place for the storage for private use of timber, firewood, or other combustible things to take special steps to guard against danger from fire.

(3) Where the commissioner is of opinion that the means of egress from any structure are insufficient to allow of safe exit in the event of fire, he may with the sanction of the standing committee by notice require the owner or occupier of the structure to alter or re-construct any stair